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2 Messrs. Chemical and Pharmaceutical Laboratory, Limited, Ernakulam.

3 Messrs. Josco Chemicals, Limited, Ernakulam.

4 Messrs. Navaratna Pharmaceutical Laboratory, Mattancherry.

5 Messrs. Hyderabad Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, Limited, Hyderabad.

6 Messrs. Indian Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, Limited, Hyderabad.

7 Messrs. Amrit Laboratories, Limited, Bangalore.

8 Messrs. Mysore Pharmaceuticals, Limited, Bangalore.

9 Messrs. Indian Process Chemical Laboratory, Bangalore.

(2) Government have no such information.

"(b) No new duty has been levied on Ayurvedic preparations. A memorandum by the representatives of All Kerala Ayurvedic Congress has been received by Government and it is under examination."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—"Is there any law to prosecute those people who drink these essences? If so, what is it and in which year it was enacted?" 9.10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDAR :—"The existing laws are enforced."

Ayurvedic preparations.

* 307 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTHA PAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for revoking all restrictions on tinctures while similar restrictions are allowed to continue on "Ayurvedic" preparations; and

(*b*) why a distinction is made between drugs containing self-generated alcohol and drugs to which alcohol is added?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDAR :—"(*a*) The restrictions imposed on spirituous medicinal preparations like Tinctures were removed to conform to the Supreme Court's judgment on the Bombay Prohibition Act. The question of liberalising the restrictions over Ayurvedic preparations is under the consideration of the Government.

"(*b*) The distinction is clear because in one case alcohol is self-generated while in the other alcohol is added. If the distinction referred to is with reference to the restrictions on these articles, Government are considering whether the restrictions on Ayurvedic preparations could be liberalized."